



The Parish Community of

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Welcome! Bienvenidos!

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22 2018

Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.
Pastor

Fr. Wilder Alexander Londono
In Residence
Director of Migrant Ministry
Diocese of Paterson

Fr. Ben Williams
Weekend Assistant

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Sick and Migrant Ministries

Charles Mathias
Retreats
Adult Enrichment

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Sick and Migrant Ministries

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DRE and Pastoral Associate

Regina Saveriano
Administrative Assistant

Youth Minister
Phyllis Phillips

Music Director
Marc G. Dalio

Office Manager
Jeanne Hoskin

Jennifer Dottinger
Administrative Assistant

Cathy Pivowar
Trustee

Robert Medina
Trustee

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Holyday: Vigil 7:30 PM; Holy Day - 8:15 AM and 12:00 PM
6:00 PM Mass will not be held on holiday weekends.

Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday of the month after the 8:15 AM
Mass ending with Benediction at 3:00 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Penance) - Saturdays: 4:00-4:30
PM (Reconciliation Chapel) By appointment at any other time. Communal
Celebrations are held during Advent.

Spanish Mass: 7:00 PM every 1st and 4th Mondays of the month; a hospi-
tality dinner to follow the mass on the 4th Monday of the Month.
Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before and after Mass.

Rosary Service

We pray the Rosary every Thursday after the 8:15 AM morning Mass. It is fol-
lowed by the Novena of the Miraculous Medal. All are welcome.

Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms will be celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass the first
Sunday of the month or Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please call at least 8 weeks in
advance of the date of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangement should be made one year in
advance of the marriage date.

Friends of Bill W: Meetings held Tuesdays 7- 9 PM in the Comm. Rm.

Parish Center - 973-729-1682 - Fax: 973-729-0702

Hours: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM to Noon.

Saint Kateri Web Site: www.saintkateri.org; office@saintkateri.org

Find us on  Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta for all of the latest news and happenings at Saint Kateri!

Religious Education - Grades 1-8 - 973-729-0489

Open: Monday through Thursday - 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Cheryl Wallace, DRE and Pastoral Associate: skre@saintkateri.org

Regina Saveriano, Administrative Assistant: reginas@saintkateri.org

Youth Ministry - 973-729-4722 - Open: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.
Phyllis Phillips - skym@saintkateri.org

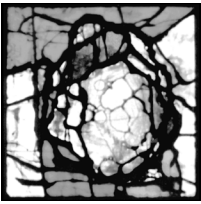
The Schools of the Catholic Academy of Sussex County

973-729-6125 Ext. 225

Rev. George A. Brown School (Pre-K to Gr. 4)

Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7)

Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12)



Blast from the Past(or)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

I am the Good Shepherd.....

Such is one of the most endearing Images of Our God. Jesus as the Good Shepherd elicits thoughts of comfort, security, protection and the assurance of God's watchful Presence over each and every one of His children. Thanks be to God! Identity-driven political correctness, however, cautions us against conformity: we don't want to be one of the herd. We want to 'stand out.' We want to 'do our own thing,' can't stop, won't stop. Simply being one of the sheep is often ridiculed in a disparaging light. When I did not conform to the rules at my parents' house, I would make the appeal that I was merely 'expressing myself.' To this, my dad would immediately remind me that I could express myself elsewhere. Tough to respond to that. When I did not conform to the time-honored ritual of the electric slide at wedding receptions, I was escorted off the dance floor (those occasions remain hurtful to me, but I still maintain the banquet hall security was overly aggressive. Come at me, bro). We often want to 'be our own person,' but Jesus the Good Shepherd casts His light on compliance to authority. Namely, our individuality must never separate us from the personhood we share. Whether we're obeying our parents or joining in a group dance, we must allow ourselves to adherence in proper context. So it is to hear the commands of the Shepherd Who is One with the Father. The Good Shepherd reminds us that no matter the pursuit to which we devote ourselves, we are ultimately searching for God. As one of my heroes Father Richard John Neuhaus wrote in his book *God With Us*, the Good Shepherd suggests that we would do well to 'give up our searching and allow ourselves to be found.....'.

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Roy Phillips, Tammy Pellerin, Anna Tasco, Laura Ziegert, Melissa O'Malley, Jean Morris, Larry Price, Candace Sullivan, Kathy Pellicani, Patricia Entwistle, Linda Ross, Thomas Eifler; James Kelly, Ted Choma, Fran Palmeri, Arlene Bartolomeo, Todd Duffy, Annie Dinan, Cindy Maniscalco, Michael Palumbo, Charmaine Marie Finck, Karen Rendina, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Terri Mohr, Doreen McGrotty, Eileen Benedetti, Tom Heller, Joan Shaw, Eileen Regis, Deacon Gerry Leary, Katie Hoffman, Betty Walker, Karen Lisicki, Todd Copen, Stephanie Agudelo, Patty Ingram, Joseph Benik, Jim Doran, David Pope, John Regan, Joseph McNally, Marc DiCianni.



Thank you for your support!

Don't forget to return your CRS Rice Bowls

The second envelope on April 29, 2018 will be for Debt Reduction.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE		
	Weekly	Month of April
Regular Collections		
Week Ending 04/01/18	\$36,414	\$61,629
Week Ending 04/08/18	\$11,861	
Week Ending 04/15/18	\$13,354	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 04/15/18		(\$871)

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 23: Monday of the Fourth week of Easter; Saint George, martyr

8:15 AM Kay Brewer

Tuesday, April 24: Tuesday of the Fourth week of Easter; Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr

8:15 AM Carolyn Cleary

Wednesday, April 25: Easter Weekday; Saint Mark, evangelist

8:15AM Delma Santiago

Thursday, April 26: Thursday of the Fourth week of Easter

8:15 AM Special Intention

Friday, April 27: Friday of the Fourth week of Easter

8:15 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, April 28: Saturday of the Fourth week of Easter; Saint Peter Chanel, priest and martyr

5:00 PM Laurie Dicianni

Sunday, April 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Tina Kuenzle

9:30 AM Barbara Riehman

11:30AM Therese DePrez
Deacon Joe Cote

6:00 PM Ruth Blessing

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

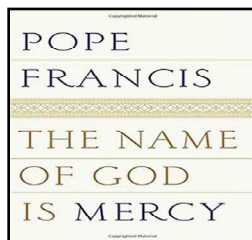
Sunday

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



Parish News

Wine & Divine A Book Discussion Group



Monday's 7:30-8:30 pm

We just finished Rediscovering Jesus by Matthew Kelly for Lent and have chosen this NYTimes Best Seller for our next read to further enrich our faith journey. All adult parishioners are welcome!! If interested, contact Laura Tirpack at LTirpack@gmail.com

Our 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Lifetouch Parish Directory - Photo dates include May, 15 - May 17th and June 1st - June 2nd.

Several opportunities to sign up for a free family portrait and parish directory. **Sign up for your Photographs online at saintkateri.org or call lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281**

Mass: June 24th at 11:30AM followed by Hospitality. Celebrating our first Mass at Saint Kateri.

Mass and Family/Parish Picnic: September 9th after the 12:30 Mass. BBQ Catering TBD

Rededication Mass with Bishop Serratelli and Dedication of Fr. Pat's Stained Glass Window followed by a Dinner at Perona Farms:

See you at Mass September 29th at 5PM.

More information on these events will follow.

Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry

Children's Summer Lunch Program

While in school many children receive lunchtime meal assistance.

Over the summer this assistance stops!

The Sparta Ecumenical Council food pantry will be starting a summer long program to feed the Sparta and Sussex County children.

Goal is to provide food for over 100 children per week.

Food provided is in addition to the current demands.

How can you help?

During the mid June through August time period:

Drop off food donations or gift cards in the gathering space.

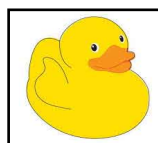
We are in need of the following items: Tuna, Soup, Cereal, Cans of Fruit, Pasta, Jello, Pudding, Mac & Cheese, Cookies, Granola Bars.

This is an important program for the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry. We are reaching out to the generosity of the community to help our Sparta and Sussex Co. Neighbors.

Thank You

Questions call 973-729-6197 or Valerie 201-306-6148

Knights of Columbus News...



Kiwanis Club of Sparta

"Duck Race" at Sparta Day,
June 2, 2018.

11th Annual Sparta Day Duck Race

\$5.00 Per Duck - 3 Races

For Information, contact Jeff Mullen at 973-903-2208 or jmulle2@embarqmail.com or Jim Brocato at 973-729-6485 or jbroc55@aol.com

2018 St. Kateri Knights of Columbus/ Father Patrick Rice Memorial Scholarship

For the 9th consecutive year, the Saint Kateri Knights of Columbus will sponsor the 2018 St. Kateri Knights/Father Patrick Rice scholarship. This program is for graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college, community college, or technical school in the fall. The applicant and family must be active parishioners of Saint Kateri parish to apply. This year's forms will be available on the parish website at www.saintkateri.org and the Knights website at www.saintkaterikofc.org.

All applications must be **typewritten** and complete with application form details, essay, an official school transcript, and at least 2 letters of recommendation. Parish and community service must be clearly noted on the application. Active participation in the Squires or Roses circle will be considered in the evaluation, but is not mandatory for an applicant. An essay on the challenges facing young Catholics in today's society is mandatory and must be typewritten and between 500-750 words.

All completed applications and supporting documents must be received at the Saint Kateri Parish house no later than Friday, May 11th at 12:00 noon. There will be NO exceptions to this deadline. Note, the parish house closes early on Friday's so applicants must have this mailed or delivered in advance of this timing. You must clearly note on the envelope the following:

**Saint Kateri Knights of Columbus/Father Patrick Rice Scholarship Committee
427 Stanhope Road
Sparta, NJ 07871**

All applicants will be notified following the decision of the scholarship committee and the winners will be recognized at their respective high school award ceremonies.



The Grace of Grandparenting

Were it not for grandparents soothing and solving a child's troubles, I suspect counselors would have more business. Grandparents have experience. They have life wisdom. Perhaps above all, they aren't Mom or Dad. Most grandparents don't have to do the everyday disciplining of a parent. They don't have nearly the disciplinary friction with a child, especially a teen. Thus, they may be seen as safer, more understanding. Interesting, isn't it? As we get older, the kids think we think more like them. And that only fortifies the bonds between us.

—from Being a Grandparent: Just Like Being a Parent ...
Only Different!

Youth Ministry News...

A message from Phyllis Phillips

To everything there is a season, and a time and purpose under heaven...Ecclesiastes 3:1

Facebook is a wonderful thing. After 25 years in youth ministry it's such a treat to see former students with families of their own. Some who stumbled through Confirmation preparation are now proudly standing next to their children as they make their first communion. Ahh, what goes around, comes around.

I have spent 18 of my 25 professional years here at St. Kateri Parish. What started out as a job became an invitation to become part of the family. Looking around the church at Mass, I realize that I have been privileged to share in the lives and stories of so many. Together we have celebrated births, weddings, those BIG anniversaries and birthdays, job offers and new homes. We have walked with each other through illness and held one another as we said good bye to our loved ones returning home to the Father. I have prayed for every single teen that has come through our doors. I think some learned a few things about their faith while here and I know many times, when I thought I was teaching, I was learning what it means to have faith from my students.

Now I find myself a few months away from a Social Security check. How that's possible still mystifies me. My husband retired two years ago and now it's my turn. Joe and I will be moving to South Carolina where we have already found a wonderful parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea. In this new season of my life I am certain that God has a plan for both of us.

Cheryl Wallace, our DRE will be capably taking over the Confirmation program and Fr. Tom is working to hire someone who will offer service and social opportunities for our young people. I anticipate the youth program at St. Kateri will continue under Fr. Tom and Cheryl's leadership, supported by the many adult volunteers that make this parish such a warm and welcoming place for all. St. Kateri Parish will always hold a special place in my heart. Rest assured of my continued prayers for all in this community.

Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, April 22, 2018: 10:30 AM Squire Roses; 1:00 PM Gianna Childs Baptism; 2:00 PM Lexi Myhren Baptism; 7:00 PM Hartranft/ LeValley SNOW

Monday, April 23, 2018: 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting; 7:00 PM Spanish Mass; 7:30 PM The Name of God is Mercy

Tuesday, April 24, 2018: 9:30 AM Schola Rosa; 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W; 7:30 PM The Pivotal Players Series

Wednesday, April 25, 2018: 7:00 PM Catholic Bible Study

Friday, April 27, 2018: 8:45 AM Friday Book Club; 9:30 AM Matthew Kelly Book Group; 7:00 PM Pack 295 Meeting

Saturday, April 28, 2018: 4:00 PM Celebration

Sunday, April 29, 2018: 11:30 AM Campbell Baptism; 1:00 PM Avery Pugliese Baptism; 1:00 PM Matthew Hannum Baptism; 7:00 PM Hartranft/ LeValley SNOW

Parish Ministries/Contact Persons:

Abortion Alternative: 1st Way Hotline: 800-848-5683

Adopt a Family
Mary Beth Dowd 973-945-3355

Adoration Society
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

Adult Enrichment:
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973-786-6811

Altar Care:
Bernadette Bizzarro 973-726-0849

Altar Servers:
Jerry Scanlan 973-770-0987

Art & Environment (Church): Paige Fitzpatrick
973-219-5204
(Plant Care)
Candala Roslan 973-271-7624
(Art Committee)

Bell Choir:
Mary Jo Mathias 973-786-6811

Bereavement Ministry:
Laura Entwistle 973-726-8978;
Grace Davis 973-697-3853

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Feed the Working Poor
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Regina Saveriano
reginas@saintkateri.org

Respect Life
Joe DeLuca 973-726-7392

RAINBOWS - Children's Grief Support Group:
Dale Walsh 973-729-7833

RCIA:
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

Scholar Rosa
Eileen Vandenberg
stkaterischolarosa.com

Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:
973-729-1682

Welcomers (Ushers):
Cathy Brauer -
Brauer.cathy401@gmail.com

Youth Ministry (grades 9-12):
Phyllis Phillips - 973-729-4722
skym@saintkateri.org

Youth Contemporary Choir Ensemble:
Art Suriano 201-841-1090

DID YOU KNOW?

Reflecting back on the 30th Anniversary of St. Kateri Parish Our Church

The Bishop of Paterson, Frank Rodimer, established Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Parish on June 24, 1988. Fr Dan Murphy was appointed founding pastor and the first liturgy was celebrated on June 25, 1988 at St Mary's Episcopal Church with approximately 200 households becoming founding members. Prior to our church being built, the parish rented and borrowed space at St Mary's, and the gyms of Pope John H.S., the Alpine School and the Helen Morgan School.

The first building completed was the Parish Center in September 1990. It contained offices, a chapel, meeting rooms and a living space for Fr. Dan. A building committee of nineteen people was formed in September 1991 and selected the Architectural Firm of Anthony Genovese and the Construction Company of Joseph Natoli to build the church. Benoit Gilsoul of Belgium, one of the foremost authorities in the field of stained glass was chosen to create the stained glass windows, the Stations of the Cross and the Crucifix over the altar.

The 20,000 square foot, 2.8 million-dollar church was completed in May 1993. The house that previously occupied the church site was 200 years old.

The original wood carving of the Blessed Kateri Parish Logo over the main entrance door and the church sign on Stanhope Road were hand carved. The logo depicted Kateri Tekakwitha as a young maiden in ceremonial robes. She is surrounded by the sun, the symbol of the Great Father Spirit and the cross of Jesus Christ. The moon represents the feminine spirit reflected in Mary as the Great Earth Mother. The turtle on whose back the world was born, represents the North American Continent.

As you approach the Church, you may first notice the large entry doors opening to the Main Gathering Space. The doors are red painted oak symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The large round brass doorknobs represent a turtle shell which is the Native American symbol for the Earth. Inside the Gathering Space is The Statue of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our patroness and a Native American known as the "Lily of The Mohawks" because of her saintly lifestyle. It is hand carved in oak and was made in Italy. Entering the Worship Space notice the brass door knobs of doves overtaking hawks, signifying peace overcoming war. The different sizes and shapes of the stone in the walls tells us that the church is made up of different people.

